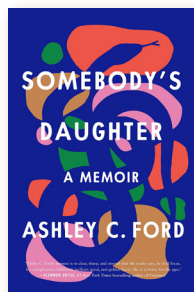


December 2021



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT PROGRAMS



ASHLEY C. FORD PRESENTS SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER: A MEMOIR IN CONVERSATION WITH SHIRA ERlichman **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, December 1, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Ashley C. Ford's instant *New York Times* best-selling memoir, *Somebody's Daughter*, explores growing up a poor Black girl in Indiana with a family fragmented by incarceration. Ford embarks on a journey to find the threads between who she is and what she was born into, and the complicated familial love that often binds them. Shira Erlichman is an author, visual artist, and musician. Her acclaimed poetry book *Odes to Lithium* centers around her experiences with mental illness.



CREPUSCULUM HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

Thursday, December 9, 7:00 - 8:15 P.M.

📍 Ground Level, Main Library

Join us for a special holiday performance by the Crepusculum Choir! Crepusculum is a student-run chamber choir based in Boston, MA. Members attend the world-renowned Berklee College of Music and other schools in the Boston area. Crepusculum, Latin for twilight, strives for the perfect blending of light and dark voices.

Workshops

WELLNESS FOR SENIORS: LET YOUR YOGA DANCE **VIRTUAL**

Mondays, 11:00 - 11:45 A.M.

Breathe, stretch and dance your way to a blissful body, joyous heart and a steady, quiet mind! Open to all levels and abilities. This is a virtual event. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event.

FINANCIAL LITERACY 101: FRAUD **VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, December 14, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

The best way to protect ourselves from fraud is to learn exactly how it takes place and share this information with others. Scam artists prey upon victims by earning their trust, by taking advantage of their greed, and by using scare tactics. Developing a healthy skepticism will help to protect individuals from these criminals. Through an interactive game, "Red Flag Alert!" we see scams acted out and learn the safest way to respond to these threats.

Presented with Cambridge Savings Bank.



CPL CRAFTS: VISIBLE MENDING WITH JESSAMY KILCOLLINS

Thursday, December 16, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

📍 Rossi Room, Main Library

Transform your garments through the art of visible mending! Bring in your textile of choice and watch it take on new life as we celebrate the wear and tear and turn it

into something colorful and new with needle and thread! Taught by textile artist, fashion designer and mender Jessamy Kilcollins.

All Library locations will be closed December 23-26 for Christmas.

All Library locations will be closed December 31-January 1 for the New Year's Holiday.

Reading Together

A Yearlong Library Challenge

Coming in 2022!

VIRTUAL Registration is required for all virtual events. Register online on our website.

Adult Book Groups

Visit bit.ly/cplbookgroups or call the host library for more information about joining.

MAIN LIBRARY

Contemporary Book Group

HYBRID

Tues. 12/ 21, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

📍 Rossi Room, Main Library

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Great Books Book Group

VIRTUAL

Tues. 12/7, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

The Book of Jeremiah

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Wed. 12/8, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

A Master of Djinn by P. Djeli Clark

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Boudreau Book Group

HYBRID

Wed. 12/8, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

📍 O'Neill Branch

American Wolf: A True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West by Nate Blakeslee

Central Square Book Group

VIRTUAL

Tues. 12/7, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Flour and/or Flour, Too by Joanne Chang

Collins Book Group

VIRTUAL

Thurs. 12/9, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

We Love You Charlie Freeman by Kaitlyn Greenidge

O'Connell Book Group

HYBRID

Thurs. 12/16, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

📍 O'Connell Branch

Writers and Lovers by Lily King

O'Neill Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Mon. 12/13, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

📍 O'Neill Branch

Good Riddance by Elinor Lipman

Literacy Center

For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.

No classes are held on days the library is closed.

Beginner ESOL Class

VIRTUAL

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Intermediate ESOL Class

VIRTUAL

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Beginner ESOL Class

Wednesdays and Fridays,
10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

📍 Literacy Center, Central Square

Intermediate ESOL Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

📍 Literacy Center, Central Square

Resume and Job Application Support

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

📍 Literacy Center, Central Square

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Pajama Story Time **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, December 15, 6:45 - 7:30 P.M.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us from home for 20-25 minutes of songs, stories and rhymes to wind down the day. Feel free to wear your favorite cozy pajamas! Caregivers are asked to participate in the program with their children. Plan to join in and sing-along!

Virtual Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, December 8, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

📍 O'Neill Branch

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14.

Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins one week in advance by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).



Teen Advisory Board

Monday, December 13, 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

📍 Teen Room, Main Library

Calling all teens! Meet once a month with your librarians and your peers to help plan programs and guide the Library in supporting Cambridge teens. Participation counts toward community service. Call 617-349-4027 or stop by the Teen Room to sign up, or just show up at the meeting!

HYBRID

Hybrid events are offered virtually and in-person. Register online for virtual attendance on our website.

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for story times and sing-alongs, both virtual and in-person. Outdoor programs will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Please check our website for programming updates and additions or call 617-349-4038 for more information. No programs are held on days the library is closed.

VIRTUAL

Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 10:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Enjoy time together with other parents, caregivers, and babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills.

Family Story Time

Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:20 P.M.

📍 Main Library

Outdoor Songs and Stories

Tuesdays, 11:00 - 11:20 A.M.

Wednesdays, 11:00 - 11:20 A.M.

Thursdays, 11:00 - 11:20 A.M.

📍 Central Square Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 A.M.

📍 O'Connell Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Fridays, December 3 & 10

11:00 - 11:30 A.M.

📍 O'Neill Branch

Outdoor Sing-Along

Mondays, 10:30 - 10:50 A.M.

📍 Valente Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Mondays, 4:00 - 4:30 P.M.

Tuesdays, 11:00 - 11:30 A.M.



KIDS BOOK GROUPS

Let's talk about a book together! Register online at bit.ly/cplbookgroups

Main Library

Join us virtually for a lively discussion. For a copy of the book, stop by the Children's Room or call 617-349-4038. Registration is required – only one registration is needed per family. Need a laptop or hotspot to participate? Call the Library Tech Bar at 617-349-4425.

Parent/Child Book Group **VIRTUAL**

**Tuesday, December 14,
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.

The Time of Green Magic by Hilary McKay

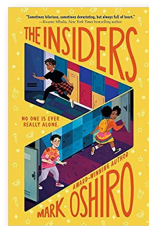


Parent/Child Book Group **VIRTUAL**

**Wednesday, December 8,
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver.

The Insiders by Mark Oshiro



Branch Libraries

Please pick up a copy of the book beforehand at the host Branch. The book groups are onsite, with the option to attend virtually. Need a laptop or hotspot to participate? Reach O'Connell at 617-349-4019 or O'Neill at 617-349-4023.

Book Buzz **HYBRID**

Thursday, December 2, 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

📍 O'Neill Branch

For ages 10 and up.

Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel Jose Older



Chapter Chat **HYBRID**

Thursday, December 16, 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

📍 O'Neill Branch

For ages 7-10.

The Creature of the Pines by Adam Gidwitz



Magic Tree House Book Group

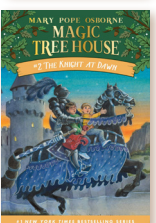
HYBRID

Friday, December 3, 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

📍 O'Connell Branch

For ages 7-10.

The Knight at Dawn by Mary Pope Osborne



VIRTUAL

Registration is required for all virtual events. Register online on our website.



The Hive

Welcome to the state-of-the-art makerspace located at the Main Library! It is a hub for STEAM learning, creativity, and community collaboration in Cambridge. Its mission is to provide free, hands-on learning opportunities to the Cambridge community, resources for personal projects, and to serve as a hub for skill sharing and creative collaboration.

The Hive is open to individuals with a Minuteman library card. The space is designed for independent use for patrons ages 12 and up and supervised use for children under the age of 12.

Check out our December workshops below and go online to camb.ma/cplhive to see the latest schedule and register for workshops.



Workshops

HIVE SAFETY TRAINING (VIRTUAL)

In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.

HIVE SAFETY TRAINING & GLOWFORGE 101

In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive. You will also create your Hive badge ID using our Glowforge laser cutter and learn how to cut and engrave your own creations using this device.

EQUIPMENT AND STUDIO RESERVATIONS

Anyone who has completed Hive training and is badged to use equipment or studio(s) can reserve Hive equipment or studio spaces during these times. Staff will assist participants as they are able.

GLOWFORGE 101: CREATIVE LASER CUTTING (PART 1 & 2)

Learn how to cut, engrave, and shape designs from a variety of materials using the Glowforge Pro laser cutter in this 2 part series. In part 1 of this course, you will utilize the camera for focusing and scanning your own custom images, properly select materials for your project, and fabricate your first design. In part 2, you will create digital artwork for the Glowforge, and learn file formatting for production.

3D PRINTING 101 (PART 1 & 2)

Learn how to create objects in digital space and fabricate those creations using our Sindoh 3D printers in this two-part series. In part 1, you will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, and gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad. In part 2, you will create your own customized designs, and practice setting up your own 3D construction.

STUDIO RECORDING 101

Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? The Hive has two state-of-the-art recording studios! Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software.

VINYL CUTTING 101

Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? In this workshop, you can learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter. You can then design and cut a sticker.

XR LAB 101

Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment. Test drive our Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality glasses, Structure Sensor 3D scanner, Merge headsets, and more.

Learn more:
camb.ma/cplhive
thehive@cambridgema.gov
857-235-9819

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017
TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Central Square Branch

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010
MON 10-6, TUE 10-9, WED 10-6, THU 10-9, FRI 10-6, SAT 10-2

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021
MON 10-6, TUE 10-6, FRI 10-6

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040
MON 9-9, TUE 9-9, WED 9-9, THU 9-9, FRI 9-5, SAT 9-5, SUN 1-5

O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019
MON 10-6, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023
MON 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6

Valente Branch

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015
MON 10-8, TUE 10-6, WED 10-8, THU 10-6

All locations are accessible by public transportation. Details are on our website.

The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Cambridge Public Library will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.

website

cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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Scan with a smartphone camera to check out our Calendar of Events online and register for events!

